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DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)

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Attorney Docket Number

First Named Inventor

ROBERT CLARK MAXWELL

COMPLETE IF KNOWN

Application Number

Filing Date

Art Unit

Examiner Name

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MINIMIZING OR
ELIMINATING SHADOWS IN DISPLAY DEVICES

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

OR



was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number

and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)

(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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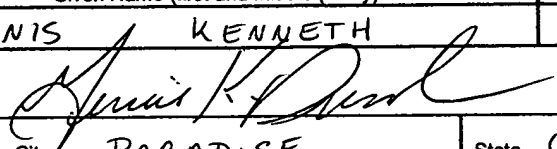
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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:			<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor		
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Country					
NAME OF SECOND INVENTOR:			<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor		
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DECLARATION**ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)**
Supplemental SheetPage 1 of 2

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Inventor's Signature 		Date 11/20/03	
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Legal Representative's Signature		Date	
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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION AND PATENT APPLICATION

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for the other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNOR: Katherine O. Maxwell, Paradise, CA

hereby sells, assigns, and transfers and sets over to

ASSIGNEE: Fashion Displays, Inc.
 Dba Fashion Optical Displays
 P.O. Box 159
 Paradise, CA 95967

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE 100% of the following:

(A) ASSIGNOR'S right, title and interest in and to the invention entitled

“Apparatus and Method for Minimizing or Eliminating Shadows In Display Devices”

and invented by ASSIGNOR; (B) *Provisional Patent Application #60/454,975* and subsequent Utility Patent Application filed on ____ / ____ / ____; (C) any patent or reissues of any patent that may be granted thereon; and (D) any applications which are continuations, continuation-in-part, substitutes, or division of said application. ASSIGNOR authorizes ASSIGNEE to enter the date of filing in the spaces above. ASSIGNOR also authorizes and requests the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to issue any resulting patent(s) as follows: 0% to ASSIGNOR and 100% to ASSIGNEE.

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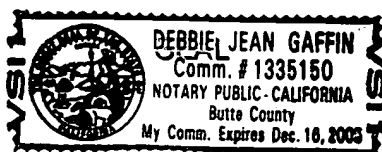
Signed: Katherine B Maxwell
Printed Name KATHERINE O. MAXWELL

Date: 11-20-03

State: California)
) ss
County: Butte)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of November, 2003.

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In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for the other good and valuable consideration,

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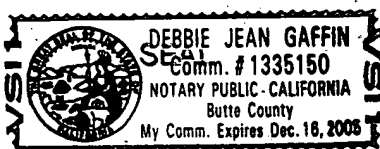
Signed: Lewis K. Rausch
Printed Name LEWIS K. RAUSCH

Date: 11/20/03

State: California)
) ss
County: Butte)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 20th day of November, 2003.

20th day of November, 2003.
Debbie Jean Gaffin
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In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for the other good and valuable consideration,

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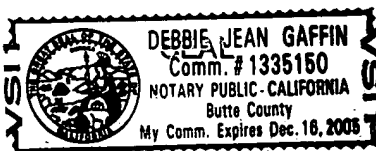
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Printed Name DAVID D. ECHEBERRY

Date: 11-20-03

State: California)
County: Butte) ss

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Application Number	
Filing Date	November 3, 2003
First Named Inventor	Robert C. Maxwell
Title	Minimizing Shadows in Displays
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	
Attorney Docket Number	

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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

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Signature

Ernest F. Henton

Date

11-20-03

Telephone

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TO: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
FROM: Fashion Optical
RE: Assignment of Patent Application

Fashion Displays, Inc., dba Fashion Optical Displays, Paradise, CA has been assigned the entire interest in the invention described in Provisional Patent Application 60/454,975 and the enclosed Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application claiming priority from the Provisional Application.

The assignments of two of the inventors, Dennis Rausch and David Echeberry are included herein. An assignment is also included for inventor Robert Maxwell and was executed by Katherine Maxwell on behalf of Mr. Maxwell, now deceased. Mr. Maxwell passed away shortly after the filing of the Provisional Application.

This assignment letter is signed by Production Manager Ernest E. Henton, on behalf of Fashion Displays, Inc.

Ernest E. Henton

Printed Name

Ernest E. Henton

Signature

Date

11-20-03